IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for displaying search results comprising:

providing a web-accessible database containing content searchable by a ~~networked~~ user over a public network, said database including a plurality of search functions available to the user;

producing a set of results responsive to one of said search functions being invoked by the user; and

displaying said results to the user arranged in categories responsive to said invoked search function on an HTML-formatted web page.; and

wherein said content is provided by users of said public network, stored in said web-accessible database, and indexed in a user-defined category using a web browser without the need for any additional software necessary to interact with said publicly accessible database.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying categories similar to the keyword used for the search.

3.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein a database search routine is invoked corresponding to the particular search function chosen by the user.

4.   (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said search function comprises a search by example.

5.   (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said search function comprises a search by keyword.

6.   (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said search function comprises a search by category.

7.   (Original) The method of claim 2, further including the act of displaying non-textual information associated with said results.

8.   (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said non-textual information includes graphics.

9.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus for displaying search results comprising:

a networked computer hosting a web-accessible database containing content searchable by a ~~networked~~ user <u>over a public network</u>, said computer configured to:

provide a plurality of search functions to the user;

produce a set of results responsive to one of said search functions being invoked by the user; ~~and~~

display said results to the user arranged in categories responsive to said

invoked search function on an HTML-formatted web page.; and

wherein said content is provided by users of said public network, stored in

said web-accessible database, and indexed in a user-defined category using a web

browser without the need for any additional software necessary to interact with said

publicly accessible database.

10.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said computer is further

configured to display categories similar to the keyword used for the search.

11.   (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein a database

search routine is invoked corresponding to the particular search function chosen by the

user.

12.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said search function

comprises a search by example.

13.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said search function

comprises a search by keyword.

14.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said search function

comprises a search by category.

15.   (Original)   The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said computer is further configured to display non-textual information associated with said results.

16.   (Original)   The apparatus of claim 15, wherein said non-textual information includes graphics.

17-24 (Cancelled).